

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, the minor revisions to the specification made in the parent application have been made to the present application. In addition, original claims 1-8 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and have been replaced with new claims 9-13. The new claims define a method for producing a lithographic printing plate wherein the surface of a support is treated to produce radicals at the surface, the treated surface is reacted with a monomer containing a hydrophilic functional group to form an image-receiving layer having hydrophilicity and containing a polymer compound which has a direct chemical bond to the surface of the support and has hydrophilic functional groups capable of forming chelates together with metal ions and ejecting ink containing metal ions to the image-receiving layer with an inkjet recording method to form an image on the image-receiving layer. The use of such inkjet recording method to form an image is disclosed in the specification such as starting with the first full paragraph on page 25.

Applicant respectfully submits that the presently claimed subject matter is patentable over the art made of record in the parent application and therefore requests consideration and allowance of the present application. As an additional matter, applicant notes that the Examiner did not acknowledge receipt of the priority documents which were filed on December 27, 2002. Therefore, applicant requests that the Examiner in charge of the present application acknowledge receipt of such documents in the first Official Action.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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